

## **Migration flows for asylum. Asylum seekers routes**

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UNHCR provided an overview on Global refugee trends and refugee routes towards Europe and Italy. Increasing numbers of refugees and migrants take their chances aboard unseaworthy boats and dinghies in a desperate bid to reach Europe. The vast majority of those attempting this dangerous crossing are in need of international protection, fleeing war, violence and persecution in their country of origin. Every year these movements continue to exact a devastating toll on human life. The collective response needs to maintain a robust search and rescue operation in the Central Mediterranean and must increase safer legal alternatives for refugees to find safety in Europe.